

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

Brighten Up the Corner Where You Are

Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

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*We cannot all be famous
or be listed in "WHO'S WHO."
But every person great or small has
important work to do.
For seldom do we realize
the importance of small deeds
Or to what degree of greatness
unnoticed kindness leads.
For it's not the big celebrity in
a world of fame on praise.
But it's doing unpretentiously
in undistinguished ways
The work that God assigned to us,
unimportant as it seems,
That makes our task outstanding
and brings reality to dreams -
So do not sit and idly wish
for wider, new dimensions
Where you can put in practice your
many "GOOD INTENTIONS"-
But at the spot God placed you
begin at once to do
Little things to brighten up
the lives surrounding you.
For if everybody brightened up
the spot on which they're standing
By being more considerate
and a little less demanding,
This dark old world would very soon
eclipse the "Evening Star"*

*If everybody BRIGHTEN UP THE
CORNER WHERE THEY ARE.*

*Taken from the book -
Poems of Faith
by
Helen Steiner Rice*

This poem speaks to us about the way God can use you in your present circumstances and your present location in life.

Sometimes we are all guilty of the "if only syndrome." "If only I had this or that - whatever this or that may be. If only I lived in a bigger house. If only I had a better job, or if only I had more money. I am not saying that we shouldn't strive to have more and to be better Christians, but we have to remember to be content with God's blessings and allow God to use us now.

Think about it and brighten up the corner where you are.

Reverend Randy Burke



OAKS CHRISTIAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008



September Birthdays

Crystal Smith	1
Aileen Crafton	2
Lucas Clawson	3
Lenetta Schaper	4
Ray Winner	9
Marceil Horn	10
Amanda DuBose	18
Sally Johnson	20
Geoffrey Sanders	23
Don Muray	24
Maydell Howard, Bernie Slaven, Durene Stewart, Betty Sullivan	25
Mark Conover	26
Bonnys Sulak	27

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

And September Anniversaries

Donald and Raynette Stanley	2
Larry and Pat Scruggs	5
Don and Billie Murray	13



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Oaks Labor Day Festival	2	3 *Pastor back from Vacation	4	5	6
7 Bread Sunday Quarterly Birthdays Continental Assembly and Bible School 3-6:p.m.	8	9	10 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal	11 CWF - Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	12	13
14 Scrap booking - Crafting Bible School - 3-6:00 p.m.	15	16	17 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal.	18	19	20
21 Bible School - 3-6:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Praise Ringer Choir Rehearsal.	25	26	27
28 Scrap booking - Crafting Bible School - 3-6:00 p.m.	29	30				

If you have something for the calendar, please let the Church Office know.

Sunday School and Worship services

Sunday School and morning worship will take place as usual every Sunday in September. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning worship at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office

The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a pastoral emergency call the pastor's cell number.



Pastor Randy Burke's Phone #'s
832.729.1598 - Cell
713.983.0717 - Home

*Please note: Pastor Randy will be on Vacation starting August 27th and returning September 3rd.



Smile!
Jesus Loves You!

A Note from Verna Lamb

Sunday, September 14th and 28th will have a "Scrap booking/Craft Day" in Kirchner Hall. It will be after lunch (around 2 pm) and is open to

ALL! Please join us for some fun and fellowship.

REMEMBER!!

Labor Day Festival
Oaks Christian Church

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Date: September 1, 2008
Come One! Come All!
Bring your Family and Friends
Have a Fun Day
And Save Gas

Hot Dogs, Barbecue, Games, Moon Walk, Volleyball, Music and MORE

Thank You Note, Announcements, Church Attendance and Treasurer Report



Service Committee - Rosalie Willard

Thank you for a great response!

The Service Team received 18 mobile phones and 22 charges in their collection box. There were also quit a few cases or holders for the phones.

This means 18 women have 911 protection or 18 soldiers can call home from Iraq and other far away places. Doesn't it feel good to know this was done with something you no longer used and had just thrown into a drawer?

We are leaving the red box in the foyer of Kirchner Hall for those of you might find more lying around or who had forgotten to bring them.

Bless you all.

Rosalie Willard, Service Chairperson



Bible Study - Barb Scantlin "The Organic God"

Starting on September 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Kitchen will be a six week Bible Study called "The Organic God" by Margaret Feinberg.

Women will be challenged to discover more about God, themselves and other members of their community. It's a great opportunity to grow more spiritually and to build depth in your relationships.

There is a study book along with a DVD that was shot on location in Alaska.

A call to me if interested so study books can be purchased. The cost of the books are \$7.00.

Back to School Bible School

When: Every Sunday in September, 3 - 6pm
Who: Children aged 4 - 12 (Pre-K to 6th grade)
What: *God's Big Backyard* with fun, fellowship, music, and munchies!!!
Where: Meet in Kirchner Hall



Please round up your grandchildren, friends' children, neighbors, etc. and let them join the fun!

You can join in the fun, too, by volunteering! See Pat Whitley if you want to help with the snacks, Katie Spencer about crafts, or Verna Lamb if anything else grabs you!!



July Sunday School and Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of June 2008	Sunday School	Church Attendance
July 6	29	77
July 13	28	79
July 20	30	82
July 27	28	63
TOTALS	115	301



From the Treasurer Dorene Drake

Operating Account	May	June	July
Deposits	\$11,136.00	\$11,371.96	\$8,865.59
Disbursements	-\$12,697.32	-\$13,362.97	-\$13,614.05
Difference	-\$1,561.32	-\$1,991.01	-\$4,748.46

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Bound Together in Love



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR MANNA'S
THRIFT SHOP**

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